VIOLETTE STORIES OF OUR SUMMER **GARDEN ENTERTAINERS.** KELLY AND It's rather disconcerting to hear Colonel Hopkins assert that America is far behind England in the amusement industry. When you wander around this wide town after dark, and at the end of every ear line stumble onto a summer garden with prosperous performance, you imagine that the American people require more for these are VIOLETTE: FOREST PARK HIGHLANDS

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American people require more fun than any other nationality. Colonel Hopkins, though, placidly explains that England has more placidly explains that England has more music halls and more actors, and that the actor folk there have more opportunity. France, says the Colonel, is where we get our word vaudeville and some of the good things in that line, and in Germany vaudeville is just now making a great hit. Do you remember Jasper, Jones and Jasper, one of whom was a donkey, who were out at the Highlands early in the season? They do a black-face circus act, with some extremely clever somersaulting. It was an Immense hit in Berlin. The Colonel's theory is that the Isonle who have not the good ry is that the reople who have not the good forture to live as far inland as we do, don't want any theatrical amusements in sum-

There was an embarrassing incident when Mrs. Van Studdiford first sang that pretty Mrs. Van Studdiford first sang that pretty song she sings as an encore. The leader of an orchestra in a Philadelphia theater had just written it, and on the second night of Mrs. Van Studdiford's engagement he asked her to sing it before she left the city. The composer was a very erratic genius and failed to have any words written to his song, so he had to have some locked up. He gave Mrs. Van Studdiford the words in manuscript, and she came on the stage to sing. Unhappily she got her manuscript mixed up after the first verse, and there was an awkward halt. She thought of an old prayer in the extremity, and sang its words to the music. And the song was successful.

Mrs. Van Studdiford has an exceedingly Mrs. Van Studdiford has an exceedingly sweet voice, and she sings well, but the pink gown detracts a bit from the attractiveness of the act. We depend so much upon what we see at a summer show. The gown looked uncomfortable, and it annoyed you to think that she must be suffering, just as it irritated you to look at Miss Berri with her high-stocked winter cestume. Mrs. Van Studdiford intends to remain in vaudeville all winter.

Miss Esmond, who has been called the Maud Adams of Mr. Hanley's company, will play the nurse in this week's production of "Romeo and Jullet" at Koerner's Garden. Miss Esmond has been successful in everything she has played this summer. She had an unfortunate experience the other morning. She lives near the garden on King's highway, and when she left the theater after the show she forgot the latch key, which was lying on the table in her dressing room. She sat down on the front steps of the house and tried to enjoy the cool breeze, but all the dags in the heighborhood, scenting a stranger, began to yap, and she was driven to the desperate measure of getting into the house somehow. The beli was out of order. Miss Esmond knew just where the landiady's room was and under its window she sang a little song the landiady was fond of hearing. The Romeo scheme worked. The landiady house.

Mr. Hanley and Miss Kemble had an exceptionally strong scene in the fourth act of "Frou-Frou." The generous applause must have seemed to Mr. Hanley like the old Hopkins days.

Henry Travers, who will play Petruchio at Koerner's this afternoon, is a young man who made a hit at Montreal. This is the first part of any consequence he has had since he's been in Sta Louis.

since he's been in St. Louis.

Harold Gordon at the Delmar is just as popular back of the stage as he is in front. That's not a very usual condition of affairs, as stage people tell you. He is a very young man, who has done very hard work though. His naiveness is funny. He had never worked under a man like Mr. Temple until his Delmar Garden engagement, and after his first rehearsal with Temple the Terrible, he came out looking like a fellow who has been in a violent rainstorm, but after he had got through mopping his face with the handkerchief he said:

"It's wonderful; wonderful. I never im-

said:
"It's wonderful; wonderful. I never imagined a man could make one work so and still make you like him."

Harry Morgan, who played the part of the negro in "Princess Bonnie," is very poular at the Cabanne Club. He has a wonderful faculty of making friends. One night during the week of the "Mikado" all his friends in the club came out in a body and sat in the front rows and religiously applauded every time he stepped on the stage.

"Little Billee" means more than an ordinary opera for Miss Blanche Chapman when it is played in St. Louis. Some fifteen years ago when she was playing leading parts she was at the head of the company which introduced the opera in St. Louis. The company sang it at the Grand Opera-house. Miss Chapman was the mother of a young baby girl who is now about ready to go on the stage herself. During the concluding act of the opening night John W. Norton, then chief of the Elks, and prince of good fellows in the city, threw over the footlights a complete outfit for Miss Chapman's baby, from the daintiest lingerie to a wicker hasket. Such baskets were then fashionable for the baby to sup in when it reached that age.

They tell a story about Mr. Temple going out to the races the other day and winning some money that is rather funny. He went to the track, and with his usual dispatch and celerity picked a horse that he expected to make some sort of a showing. Then he went to the bookmakers and placed some money on that horse for place. A few minutes later he met a friend and happened to think that he would like to make his bet more conservative and place more money on the horse on the chance that he would make a showing. The friend knew the bookmakers and helped him to make the changs. About five minutes later the horse won the race and they say that Tempis looked like a man who has had his tooth pulled.

Bugs are still the bane of Mr. Moulan's life. They are the one thing he says that make his life in this city a misery. The other night he put on his wig, and when he got out on the stage he felt something soulrming on his head, making frequent surgical excursions into his scalp. He tried to kill the bug by crushing the wig, but the bug by crushing the wig, but the bug would not be crushed. By this time Elder the tenor, was singing his battle song, when he, too, felt an almost uncontrollable desire to take his wig off because something was thrusting things into his head at three different places. Then he began to feel his wig and the audience thought the tenor and the comedian were trying to have a little byplay to themselves. After the curtain went down Elder found three bugs in his wig and Moulan found six in his.

Mr. Steigers, the funny man, who is never funny unless he is at the Cave, was good last week. Mr. Steigers lives in Chi-cago when he is at home. He is studious and scholarly.

and scholarly.

The Week's Programmes.

A return to the former order of Sunday openings has been decided upon by the management at Delmar Garden, and the change will be made to-day, "Billes Taylor" being the new production, insumuch as the attendance on funday is invariably large. Mr. Southwell has decided that the large number of patrons who are forced to take their outlage on Sunday are just as much entitled to the pleasure of a "first night" as who can choose their time for diversion.

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Commenting on the political situation, Representative Steplens said the outlook for Democratic success next year was most

for Democratic facess next year was most encouraging.

"Just at this time," he added, "it seems the tariff question is destined to come to the front again, and to be the issue between the two parties, aithough the Republicans, judging from the expressions of their leading organs, are doing their best to let the subject severely alone.

"The Western people are demanding relief from the trusts and they say the only way to get relief is to repeal the law which gives protection to the trusts.

"Eastern Republicans protest against any such measure, saying that to tinker with the tariff will unsettle business and result in chaos. Here we have for the first time an apparent split in the ranks of the enemy and if we remain firm and present a united front, we cannot help wincing.

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